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Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2006. The shortened statutory period for response expires on June 22, 2006. This Amendment is submitted prior to shortened statutory period for reply, therefore no extension fee is required to enter this Amendment.

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